

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendment.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-18, 20-24 and 28-31.

In response to the objections to claim 19 for allegedly being dependent on both of claims 16 and 18, the examiner should examine the claims of the preliminary amendment and not those of the original specification.

In response to the objections to claim 25-27 for allegedly being dependent on both of claims 9 and 24, the examiner should examine the claims of the preliminary amendment and not those of the original specification.

In response to the rejection of claim 32 under 35 USC 101, for being directed to non-statutory subject matter, the claim is cancelled.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) including fees for any required extension of time, to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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